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## **USDA Rural Development Chapman Services Changes Location** ***Agency Staff Will Assist Homebuyers & Businesses***

**Topeka, KS** – USDA Rural Development has moved its Chapman disaster recovery programming services to the Astra Bank located at 446 North Marshall in Chapman. USDA Rural Development will be available to assist individuals and businesses, along with the public sector, to support the community's and surrounding region's recovery efforts following the June 11<sup>th</sup> tornado. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"With USDA Rural Development staff present in Chapman, the Agency will continue to provide important long-term recovery assistance to help previous and future homeowners, public government and service officials, along with the business community in the Chapman area. The Agency's low-interest loan programs for housing, along with business and community development funding, will assist many residents in the region. USDA Rural Development is committed to supporting the significant community and economic development needs for this part of rural Kansas," commented State Director Banks.

Since June 12<sup>th</sup>, USDA Rural Development has been working with local and regional relief officials to help place displaced Chapman residents in temporary lodging utilizing USDA-financed apartment units in the area. Individuals who still might need better temporary lodging are encouraged to contact USDA Rural Development.

To assist with long-term housing needs, USDA Rural Development's low-interest homeownership loan and home repair grant/loan programs can provide area individuals/families additional assistance options for their home financing or home repair decisions. Agency staff will also provide a review of financing options for those desiring to finance a new or existing home, or explain home repair options for their present residence. USDA's housing programs can also support the development of affordable rental housing facilities.

Additional information regarding USDA Rural Development's programs can be obtained by contacting the Agency's Manhattan office at 785-776-7582 (extension #4). Individuals may also call the Agency's state headquarters at 785-271-2700 or log onto the state's USDA Rural Development website at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ks).

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